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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 20 as shown in the Status of the Claims section, infra. No new matter has been added. Additions are underlined and deletions are struckthrough and/or enclosed between double brackets ([[]]).

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Claim 1 (currently amended). An electronic device control system, comprising:
data preparation means for preparing operation data and identification data corresponding to the operation data;
an electronic device which carries out processing based on the operation data prepared by said data preparation means; and
portable data storage means for receiving the identification data prepared by said data preparation means, said portable data storage means including identification data storage means for storing the identification data,
wherein said portable data storage means automatically transmits the identification data stored in said identification data storage means to said electronic device when said portable data storage means approaches said electronic device, and when said electronic device receives the identification data from said portable data storage means, said electronic device carries out the processing based on the operation data corresponding to the identification data.

Claim 2 (original). The electronic device control system of claim 1, further comprising:
transmitting means for transmitting the operation data prepared by said data preparation means to said electronic device.

Claim 3 (original). The electronic device control system of claim 2, wherein:
said transmitting means is a network which connects at least one data preparation means and at least one electronic device.

Claim 4 (original). The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:
said portable data storage means receives the identification data from said data preparation means and transmits the identification data to said electronic device by wireless.

Claim 5 (original). The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:
said electronic device includes operation data storage means for storing the operation data transmitted from said data preparation means; and

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said electronic device checks the operation data stored in said operation data storage means against the identification data received from said portable data storage means when receiving the identification data, detects the operation data corresponding to the received identification data, and carries out the processing based on the operation data.

Claim 6 (original). The electronic device control system of claim 3 further comprising:
operation data management means, connected to said network, for storing the operation data prepared by said data preparation means and for managing a data output process to output the operation data to said electronic device.

Claim 7 (withdrawn). An electronic device control system comprising:
data preparation means for preparing operation data;
an electronic device for carrying out processing based on the operation data prepared by said data preparation means; and
portable data storage means for receiving the operation data prepared by said data preparation means, said portable data storage means including operation data storage means for storing the operation data,
wherein said portable data storage means transmits the operation data stored in said operation data storage means to said electronic device, and when said electronic device receives the operation data from said portable data storage means, said electronic device carries out the processing based on the operation data.

Claim 8 (original). The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:
said electronic device includes display means; and
said electronic device includes control means which confirms the content of the operation data, judges whether or not said electronic device has function means for performing a selected function required to perform an operation based on the operation data, then indicates the judgment result on said display means.

Claim 9 (withdrawn). The electronic device control system of claim 7, wherein:
said electronic device includes display means; and

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said electronic device includes control means which confirms the content of the operation data, judges whether or not said electronic device has function means for performing a selected function required to perform an operation based on the operation data, then indicates the judgment result on said display means.

Claim 10 (original). The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:

said portable data storage means also stores user management identification data, and, transmits the user management identification data to said electronic device; and

said electronic device controls to limit the performance of an operation by said electronic device based on the user management identification data received from said portable data storage means.

Claim 11 (withdrawn). The electronic device control system of claim 7, wherein:

said portable data storage means also stores user management identification data, and transmits the user management identification data to said electronic device; and

said electronic device controls to limit the performance of an operation by said electronic device based on the user management identification data received from said portable data storage means.

Claim 12 (original). The electronic device control system of claim 10, wherein:

the user management identification data includes data of at least one kind selected from the group consisting of department identification data identifying the department in which said data preparation means for preparing operation data is installed, user identification data set for each user, and storage means identification data set for each portable data storage means.

Claim 13 (withdrawn). The electronic device control system of claim 11, wherein:

the user management identification data includes data of at least one kind selected from the group consisting of department identification data identifying the department in which said data preparation means for preparing operation data is installed, user identification data set for each user, and storage means identification data set for each portable data storage means.

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Claim 14 (original). The electronic device control system of claim 10, wherein:
the user management identification data is registered in said portable data storage means in advance.

Claim 15 (withdrawn). The electronic device control system of claim 11, wherein:
the user management identification data is registered in said portable data storage means in advance.

Claim 16 (original). The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:
said electronic device is an image output device, and the operation data is print data.

Claim 17 (withdrawn). The electronic device control system of claim 7, wherein:
said electronic device is an image output device, and the operation data is print data.

Claim 18 (original). The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein: said data preparation means is a personal computer.

Claim 19 (withdrawn). The electronic device control system of claim 7, wherein: said data preparation means is a personal computer.

Claim 20 (currently amended). The electronic device control system of claim 1, wherein:
said portable data storage means includes at least one element selected from the group consisting of a portable phone~~[[,]]~~ and a portable information processing terminal, ~~and a card-type information recording medium.~~

Claim 21 (withdrawn). The electronic device control system of claim 7, wherein:
said portable data storage means includes at least one element selected from the group consisting of a portable phone, a portable information processing terminal, and a card-type information recording medium.

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Claim 22 (original). A portable data storage device comprising:

a receiving section for receiving identification data from a data preparation device which prepares operation data to control the operation of an electronic device and identification data corresponding to the operation data,

storage means for storing the identification data; and

a transmitting section for, upon receipt of the identification data, transmitting the identification data stored in said storage means to said electronic device which carries out the processing based on the operation data corresponding to the received identification data.

Claim 23 (withdrawn). A portable data storage device comprising:

a receiving section for receiving operation data prepared by a data preparation device from said data preparation device;

storage means for storing the operation data; and

a transmitting section for, upon receipt of the operation data, transmitting the operation data stored in said storage means to said electronic device which carries out the processing based on the operation data.

Claim 24 (original). A data preparation device, comprising:

a data preparation section for preparing operation data to control the operation of an electronic device and identification data corresponding to the operation data;

an operation data transmitting section for transmitting the operation data prepared by said data preparation section to said electronic device;

an identification data transmitting section for transmitting identification data prepared by said data preparation section to a portable data storage device which stores the received identification data and transmits the stored identification data to said electronic device,

wherein said electronic device, upon receipt of the identification data from said portable data storage device, performs an operation based on the operation data corresponding to the received identification data, selected among a plurality of operation data received from said operation data transmitting section.

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Claim 25 (withdrawn). A data preparation device comprising:

- a data preparation section for preparing operation data to control the operation of an electronic device;

- an operation data transmitting section for transmitting the operation data prepared by said data preparation section to said electronic device;

- an operation data transmitting section for transmitting the operation data prepared by said data preparation section to a portable data storage device which has functions to store the received operation data and transmit the stored operation data to said electronic device,

- wherein said electronic device, upon receipt of the operation data from said portable data storage device, performs an operation based on the operation data.

Claim 26 (original). An electronic device comprising:

- an operation data receiving section for receiving operation data from a data preparation device which prepares the operation data and identification data corresponding to the operation data;

- an identification data receiving section for receiving the identification data from a portable data storage device which has a function to store the identification data received from said data preparation device; and

- an operation section for performing an operation based on the operation data which is received by said operation receiving section and corresponds to the identification data received by said identification data receiving section.

Claim 27 (withdrawn). An electronic device comprising:

- a receiving section for receiving operation data from a portable data storage device which has a function to store the operation data received from said data preparation device which prepares the operation data; and

- an operation section for performing an operation based on the operation data received by said receiving section.

Claim 28 (withdrawn). An operation data management device comprising:

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data storage means for storing operation data received via a network from a data preparation device which prepares the operation data controlling the operation of an electronic device; and
management means for managing a data output process to output the operation data stored in said data storage means to a plurality of electronic devices connected via the network.